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	AB	2,956,289	10/18/1960	Sullivan			
	AC	3,036,314	05/29/1962	Wetzler			
	AD	3,281,141	10/25/1966	Smiley et al.			
	AE	3,220,021	11/30/1965	Nelson			
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	AG	3,319,270	05/16/1967	Greiner			
	AH	4,097,940	07/04/1978	Tekulve et al.			
	AI	4,312,500	01/26/1982	Janssen			
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	AR	Hill-Rom, "Med-Surg Bed Accessories", 1997					
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	BB	4,847,929	07/18/1989	Pupovic			
	BC	5,084,925	02/04/1992	Cook			
	BD	5,402,544	04/04/1995	Crawford et al.			
	BE	5,537,701	07/23/1996	Elliott			
	BF	5,678,264	10/21/1997	Walker			
	BG	5,715,548	02/10/1998	Weismiller et al.			
	BH	5,790,997	08/11/1998	Ruehl			
	BI	421,656	02/18/1890	Blanken			
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	CB	2,337,395	12/21/1943	Leland			
	CC	2,587,291	02/26/1952	Rochers			
	CD	2,710,976	06/21/1955	Martensen			
	CE	2,722,017	11/01/1955	Burst et al.			
	CF	2,747,919	05/29/1956	Ferneau et al.			
	CG	2,837,751	06/10/1958	McCall			
	CH	2,913,300	11/17/1959	Darnell et al.			
	CI	2,951,252	09/06/1960	Roche			
	CJ	3,039,119	06/19/1962	Bourgraf et al.			
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	DB	3,353,193	11/21/1967	Greiner			
	DC	3,406,772	10/22/1968	Ahrent et al.			
	DD	3,506,989	04/21/1970	Ross et al.			
	DE	3,585,659	06/22/1971	Burst et al.			
	DF	3,593,350	07/20/1971	Knight et al.			
	DG	3,821,821	07/02/1974	Burst et al.			
	DH	3,905,591	09/16/1975	Schorr et al.			
	DI	3,932,903	01/20/1976	Adams et al.			
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	EB	4,183,109	01/15/1980	Howell			
	EC	4,186,456	02/05/1980	Huempfer			
	ED	4,215,446	08/05/1980	Mahoney			
	EE	4,222,131	09/16/1980	Holdt et al.			
	EF	4,227,269	10/14/1980	Johnston			
	EG	4,232,415	11/11/1980	Webber			
	EH	4,380,838	04/26/1983	Lutchansky			
	EI	4,409,695	10/18/1983	Johnston et al.			
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	FB	4,572,573	02/25/1986	Yoshikawa et al.			
	FC	4,592,104	06/03/1986	Foster et al.			
	FD	4,604,022	08/05/1986	Bourgraf			
	FE	4,637,652	01/20/1987	Bergenwall			
	FF	4,653,129	03/31/1987	Kuck et al.			
	FG	4,654,903	04/07/1987	Chubb et al.			
	FH	4,676,687	06/30/1987	Koffler			
	FI	4,685,159	08/11/1987	Oetiker			
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	GC	4,768,249	09/06/1988	Goodwin			
	GD	4,827,545	05/09/1989	Arp			
	GE	4,862,529	09/05/1989	Peck			
	GF	4,894,876	01/23/1990	Fenwick			
	GG	4,912,787	04/03/1990	Bradcovich			
	GH	4,937,900	07/03/1990	Bridges			
	GI	4,944,055	07/31/1990	Shainfeld			
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	HB	5,072,463	12/17/1991	Willis			
	HC	5,077,843	01/07/1992	Dale et al.			
	HD	5,083,332	01/28/1992	Foster et al.			
	HE	5,083,334	01/28/1992	Huck et al.			
	HF	5,129,117	07/14/1992	Celestina et al.			
	HG	5,179,744	01/19/1993	Foster et al.			
	HH	5,191,663	03/09/1993	Holder et al.			
	HI	5,205,004	04/27/1993	Hayes et al.			
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	IB	5,381,571	01/17/1995	Gabhart			
	IC	5,394,580	03/07/1995	Foster et al.			
	ID	5,398,357	03/21/1995	Foster			
	IE	5,454,126	10/03/1995	Foster et al.			
	IF	5,481,772	01/09/1996	Glynn et al.			
	IG	5,485,699	01/23/1996	Gabhart			
	IH	5,577,277	11/26/1996	Sundberg et al.			
	II	5,577,279	11/26/1996	Foster et al.			
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	JC	5,802,636	09/08/1998	Corbin et al.			
	JD	5,996,151	12/07/1999	Bartow et al.			
	JE	6,182,310 B1	02/06/2001	Weismiller et al.			
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	JG	3,336,606	08/1967	Beitzel			
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